†**شری شریف الدین شارق:** چیئر مین صاحب۔ اسٹینڈنگ کمیٹی کے بارے میں آنریبل پرائم منسٹر صاحب نے جو فرمایا ہے۔ یہ بھی درست ہے اور یہ بھی درست ہےکہ اسٹینڈنگ کمیٹی بہت تیز بھی کام کرتی ہے۔ لیکن ایکشن ٹیکن رپورٹ جب مانگتے ہیں تو گورنمنٹ کی طرف سے وہ نہیں ملتا ہے۔ اسوقت بھی ہم کو پریشانی ہوتی ہے۔

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी: इसको भी एक्सपिडा- इट करेंगे।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now it is one o' clock. So, we adjourn till two o' clock.

The House then adjourned for lunch at one of the clock.

The House reassembled after lunch at four minutes past two of the clock The Vice-Chairman (Shri John F. Fernandes) in the Chair

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES): Now, there is a Bill for introduction. The Home Minister has sought the permission of the Chair to introduce the Bill now. Mr. Advani.

The North-Eastern Council (Amendment) Bill, 1998

THE MINISTER OF HOME (SHRI L.K. ADVANI) Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the North-Eastern Council (Amendment) Bill, 1988.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI L.K. ADVANI: Sir, I introduce the Bill.

†[ ]Transilteration in Arabic Script

SPECIAL MENTIONS—*contd.*

Allocation of Gas from Tapti Gas Fields to Pipavav Project

SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL (Gujarat): I would like to say a few words about the allocation of gas from the Tapti gasficlds to the pipavav power project in Gujarat.

Gujarat is a fast developing State, especially, in terms of industrial development. But it is facing a great shortage of water and power, which are the basic amenities needed for the development of industry as well as agriculture. The Pipavat is a 615 MW gas-based power project. The Government of Gujarat had approached the Central Government for gas allocation from the Tapti gasfields on 15th May, 1990. The then Petroleum Minister had given a commitment to provide gas for the project. The then Prime Minister, Shri Rajiv Gandhi, had also promised allocation of gas from the Tapti gasficlds, whenever extra gas was available. An announcement in this regard was made in this august House also.

Uptill now, the availability of gas from the Tapti gasficlds was estimated at 3.5 MCMD. Now, with the increased availability of gas, the estimate has gone up to a minimum of 5.5 MCMD. It may even be more than that. It is believed that It may be 10 to 12 MCMD. The requirement of the Pipavav power project is estimated to be 2.25 MCMD. Therefore, it should be possible to straightway make gas available to the Pipavav power project. But, instead of considering the demand for diverting the newly available gas to the Pipavav project, it is reported that the entire gas, is going to be diverted to HBJ pipeline and the Pipavav power project is going to be deprived of gas, despite the fact that the Government had already committed itself on this. It is also heard that the extra gas, which is going to be available, would be allotted to Madhya Pradesh or some other Southern State. A pipeline for this purpose has also been sanctioned. If it is a fact, it will